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the Readers' response

To the Evangel Editor:

Your innovative feature called "The Question Box" seems to be accepted with approval by most of us, at least here in Houston. You are to be commended for such a step forward.

David Darnay,
5105 Plum Drive,
Houston, Texas.

To the Evangel Editor:

The Evangel is marvelous. Your aim, as expressed in your acceptance speech recorded in the September 13 issue that the Evangel will be representative, evangelistic, and Christ-centered, is already realized. The layout, new features, and good articles have fulfilled your pledge of "attractive and readable form."

Martin Baldree, Jr.,
Camp Pendleton, California.

To the Evangel Editor:

It is with much pleasure that I send you a few words as to how I feel about the Evangel. I really do believe the Evangel is up-to-date with its present two-column-page articles, reports, testimonies, etc. I like very much "The Homemaker's Chapel" and believe it will prove a blessing, also. I like the added features "The Question Box" and "Readers' Response." But as one brother has said, I should like very much to read more articles on old-time Bible sanctification, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, church government, etc.

Mrs. Frances Baker,
Live Oak, Florida.

To the Evangel Editor:

I love the Church of God Evangel better than any other paper I have ever read. But I loved the news in a small package, or a nutshell. I liked the short sermons, revivals, obituaries, pictures of tent meetings, pictures of churches and congregations. Please publish all obituaries. This is the last thing you can do. It will help those who are living and will show great respect.

A. C. Stanfill,
Akron, Ohio.

To the Evangel Editor:

We appreciate the new arrangement of the Evangel and believe it can be a greater paper than what we have had in the past. May God bless and lead you in its publication, that it may definitely please Him. We do enjoy ad-

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4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
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12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
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vocating a paper of which we can be proud because of the depth and spiritual quality it contains.

Mrs. Oscar Backman,
Billings, Montana.

To the Evangel Editor:

I have been reading your Evangel for several years. It has proved a blessing to me and many of our friends. But as we see the need of our youth receiving greater prominence in this wonderful paper, a column should be added to the Evangel to restore our youth to God and the Church.

Dennis Burrell,
Cherryville, North Carolina.

To the Evangel Editor:

I would like to say a few words about the Evangel. When I got saved six years ago, someone gave me some old copies of the Evangel and I decided I could not miss a single issue. It is next to my Bible in reading material. I like the way you are adding such good material as "The Home-maker's Chapel" and other interesting things. I like most of all the good sermons. They are food to my hungry heart. I give subscriptions to the Evangel for Christmas gifts to folks who do not go to church.

Mrs. E. B. Harvey,
Graysville, Tennessee.

To the Evangel Editor:

I want to compliment you on the masterful way you are editing the Church of God Evangel. It is showing some marked improvements that are admirable.

C. G. Paschal,
Spellville, Georgia.

To the Evangel Editor:

Sure enjoy reading the Evangel, and miss it if I do not get it.

Mrs. Pearl Confer,
Muscookee, Florida.

To the Evangel Editor:

I appreciate the arrangement of the Evangel and its contents. I like the variety: sermons of doctrine; articles or sermons with spiritual emphasis; reports which keep us in touch with our fellow-workers; revival news that tells us of soul-winning and of the progress of the Church; religious news that gives us some good information—already gleaned, which is a time saver; mission news that ever reminds us of the "Great Commission"; "The Homemaker's Chapel" that gives "We, the people" an opportunity of expression. Over-all, I like it.

Mrs. G. R. Watson,
Atlanta, Georgia.

FEAR — A DESTROYER

By D. C. BOATWRIGHT

TEXT: "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death," Revelation 21:8.

I SHOULD LIKE to call your attention to two words of this text, "fearful" and "unbelieving." Men will be sent to hell for these two things, fear and unbelief. We hear some saying that this is a terrible text. We answer that fear and unbelief are terrible, also, perhaps more so than many have realized.

In Luke 21:26 we read these words, "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." That there is to be a fearful time on earth in these last days, the Word bears record, and that those days are here, none should deny.

Again we read in The Song of Solomon 3:8, "They all hold swords, being expert in war: every man hath his sword upon his thigh because of fear in the night." What a contrast this is to Isaiah 26:3, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Many men are failures today because of fear. They fear failure, and as a result they fail. The man who is afraid of his position generally does not keep it very long.

Fear renders a person less efficient, makes him unsure of himself. The result is that work comes below par, department heads call him into the main office and tell him of his mistakes and lack of ability. He is discharged and goes down the street talking about the rotten political racket that caused him to lose his position. The fault really was fear.

HENRY FORD once said, "Whether you believe you can do a thing or not, you are right." Some believe they can, and do it; others believe they cannot, and are unable to get it done.

Inez Clark Thorson once said in a poem:

*"Weep not when beauty fades
And youth is gone down Time's swift flowing tide.
But weep, I say, put mourning on,
When faith and hope have died."*

I have heard men talk of their problems with trembling voices, and as an observer I knew about ninety per cent of it was caused by fear. As I looked at their problems from my point of view, I saw that without fear it could easily be corrected or fixed so it could be turned into success. No doubt, there are those who have looked at my problems and have seen that the only things needed to correct them was to lose my fears. Why not get rid of your fears?

Men who say, "I have no place to preach, and no place to go," should change their attitude toward their God

and fellow man and laugh instead of crying when things go against them. Fear will destroy your ministry, your future, your usefulness, and your peace of mind. This is a proved fact. The days that are past will bear me out in this statement.

Men who are fearful do not have peace. The Word says in 1 John 4:18, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love."

FEAR will destroy your health. Many of the diseases of today are caused by a mental condition. Dr. White of Saint Elizabeth Hospital in Washington, D. C., states that every other bed in every hospital and sanatorium in the United States is caused by mental worry. Job 3:25, "For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me." This is the biography of millions. Worry and fear has reduced many to a wrecked derelict on the shores of time.

We see a woman who was once beautiful; now her beauty has fled. We ask, "What has happened to her? She looks terrible." We often get this answer, "Fear; she is afraid." Fear robs one of his beauty and health. Generally those who are afraid and spend their time worrying about their health, afraid that they will die with a cancer, often do die with a cancer, because worry will bring one on quicker than anything else in the world.

Allow me to show you the benefits of Mark 11:24, "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Faith will drive fear out of your life, or fear will drive faith out. This is what so often happens to many: their faith cannot work because they are afraid. The cause of so much worry, trouble, and failure is that fear has control in one's life, and he cannot fully trust God for success. Yes, fear destroys faith. One cannot receive healing when he is filled with fear.

In Luke 8:50 Jesus told the father of the little girl who was dead, "Fear not: believe only." We sing, "Only believe, all things are possible, only believe." This simply means that our faith is not to be mixed with anything else—no doubt, worry, or fears; not even be anxious! Faith mixed with fear is powerless, dead. 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." Isaiah 7:4, "And say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not." Again 1 John 4:18, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." The very presence of fear proves that something is wrong. Let's get rid of it.

THERE IS another great lesson found in Luke 8:23-25, "But as they sailed he fell asleep: and

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THE EQUALITY OF MAN

By REV. T. W. DAY
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"THERE IS NO RESPECT OF PERSONS WITH GOD,"
Romans 2:11.

"HE THAT DOETH WRONG SHALL RECEIVE FOR THE
WRONG: AND THERE IS NO RESPECT OF PERSONS,"
Colossians 3:25.

IN GIVING THE FAMOUS GETTYSBURG ADDRESS, at the dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Abraham Lincoln spoke words of wisdom which need to be resounded today when he said, "All men are created equal." In the sight of God there is no respect of persons; all men are created equal! We suddenly realize that we are each just one of those people who have responded to the call made to "whosoever will," but we are one! What a lesson to learn when we come to the realization that in the sight of the Lord there are no BIG "I's" or little "yous." We find ourselves in the dust of humility, recognizing God as the Supreme Being and everyone else responsible unto Him for his stewardship. We then understand there is not a God just for people of high social rank and another for the lower class, but that the almighty God is above and over every person in the world, regardless of his standing in life.

Some feel themselves to be select, and like to group themselves in a select group, making themselves (and trying to make others) believe they are the selected few in the sight of God. These people feel they can do just about as they please, that they are so important even God caters to their whims and desires. Jesus Christ never did and never will cater to any certain group or individual! When Nicodemus came to Jesus, the fact that he was a ruler of the Jews didn't make Jesus soft-soap, bow down, or try to make the way any easier for him than for anyone else. He plainly told Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again." Just like anybody else; no difference! Matthew was a tax collector, but that made no difference. Peter, a chosen disciple, was just a fisherman. Other men chosen of the Lord were found doing work similar in importance. But the fact remains: whether they were a ruler, tax collector, fisherman, maker of tents, or whatever they were doing, to follow Jesus they all had to "take up their cross and follow Him." They came to know that they were not the Master, but the servant! Oh, that men could realize that today! Some, whose greatest desire and ambition is to rule and to be looked up to, if they would only humble themselves as John did, giving the heart-searching testimony, saying, "He must increase, but I must decrease." Continuing he said, "HE THAT COMETH FROM ABOVE IS ABOVE ALL . . ." St. John 3:30, 31.

An outstanding example of the equality of man is recorded in 2 Kings, the 5th chapter, where we find the story of Naaman. Naaman was a great man in his coun-

try. He was captain of the host of the king, a great man with his master, honorable, and a mighty man of valor. There was only one depressing thing about Naaman: he was afflicted with the disease called leprosy. The king of Syria sent a letter to the king of Israel asking him to cure Naaman of his leprosy. For this service he sent along ten talents of silver and six thousand pieces of gold. The king of Israel was so upset when he received the letter that he tore his clothes. He knew he had no power to cure leprosy. He didn't seem to know that in Israel there was one called Elisha, a man who trusted God and believed in His power to strengthen even a man of little note to do tasks which seemed impossible to the king. When Elisha heard of the situation he sent word to the king to send Naaman to him. So, Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, in his chariot drawn by five horses stood at the door of the house of Elisha. Elisha sent a messenger out to Naaman, saying, "Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean." Naaman, a man who thought himself to be just a little better than most people, stood astonished, embarrassed and angry! He just couldn't feature himself dipping in muddy Jordan one time, to say nothing of seven times. He wanted to be healed, but he wanted his healing the nice way. His servants began to reason with him, saying, "If the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it?" One of Naaman's good points was that he would listen to reasoning. He suddenly realized that to receive the desired blessing from God he would have to yield to God's will! He yielded, and was cleansed.

SOME today, as Naaman of old, want the blessings of God, but they want them in a nice way. They have in their minds just how they want to receive the experiences of the Lord, and they often miss receiving God's blessings because of their own pride. It might be well for us to read and reread 1 John 2:16, 17, "THE PRIDE OF LIFE IS NOT OF THE FATHER, BUT IS OF THE WORLD AND THE WORLD PASSETH AWAY, AND THE LUST THEREOF: BUT HE THAT DOETH THE WILL OF GOD ABIDETH FOREVER." Let us not forget from whence we have come. In the book of Deuteronomy Moses counsels with the children of Israel in view of their impending entrance into their 'promised land,' and warns them that they should not forget how God blessed and prospered them as they wandered through the wilderness. When they walked into houses full of good things, plenty to eat, and all that one could desire, he said, "When thou shalt have eaten and be full; THEN BEWARE LEST THOU FORGET

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What About Those . . . "Other Little Ships"

By HENRY C. STOPPE
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ON April 15, 1912, the \$10,000,000 luxury liner Titanic went down, and the cries of more than 1,500 people were silenced by the chill, green waters that washed over the so-called unsinkable queen of the sea. Only 711 of the 2,225 passengers and crew who sailed on the vessel's ill-fated voyage survived.

Listed as the greatest and most dramatic of all peacetime marine disasters in history, this 60,000-ton, floating hotel slid with a grinding wrench along the jagged top of an iceberg in the Atlantic Ocean about 500 miles south of Newfoundland and approximately 1,600 miles east of New York.

The passengers, including millionaires, diplomats, and many of the best known personages of America and Europe, felt only a slight shock.

That night the sky was bright with stars and the sea was calm. There was no immediate alarm. In the ballroom the band played on, the passengers danced. The intoxicating goblet was passed freely around to the thoughtless assembly. Any slow, mounting fears were quelled with the laughing assurance, "Why, the Titanic cannot sink! There are fifteen watertight steel compartments. We would have to be wrecked fifteen times to go down."

But slowly the great ship settled; and out of the mid-Atlantic darkness, amid the heart-gripping cry of impending disaster, the captain, seeing the handwriting on the wall, sent out frantic calls for help. The calls grew weaker, then silence—dead silence—as the world waited, stunned, incredulous, hour after hour, until at last word came that the news that couldn't be true was true!

Out there on the sea the lifeboats struggled desperately to pull away from the sucking whirlpool of the vanishing ship. As the survivors struggled in the icy waters, they heard the ghostly echo of the ship's orchestra playing "Nearer, My God, to Thee" above the shrieks of the dying in the eddying whirl of the ill-fated ship.

WHEN we think of this great disaster, our attention is focused almost entirely upon the great numbers who perished, with little thought for those who survived.

The 4th chapter of Mark, verses 35-41, records a scene similar to that above, which took place on the Sea of Galilee. After a very busy day teaching and preaching, Jesus, with His disciples, entered into a boat and said, "Let us pass over unto the other side." The sky was clear, the sea was calm and serene as they set sail in obedience to the Master's command.

But sometime during the night "there arose a great storm of wind, and waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full." In their despair, the disciples awoke the

Master, who was asleep in the hinder part of the ship, and said, "Carest thou not that we perish?" In answer to their cry of distress, Christ arose, rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, "Peace, be still." The Bible says that the winds ceased and there was a great calm. Thus, the disciples, because they had Christ with them in their boat, were able to reach the other side safely.

BUT WAIT! The story does not end here. Mark reminds us that there were also "other little ships" on the stormy sea that same night. What became of them? Were they, too, able to reach the other side? Did they turn back, or did they perish beneath the angry waves? While we have no record of the fate of the "other little ships," of this one thing we are certain: those who had Christ with them made it safely to the other side.

Yes, it is wonderful to have Christ in our ship to calm the storm and pilot us safely to the other side. We are certain of our goal. But what about these "other little ships"? Are we concerned about them? How can they possibly reach the other side without Christ?

As the Titanic was sinking, the lifeboats were filled with passengers. The tragedy of it all was this: Because of overconfidence and false security, the ship did not carry sufficient lifeboats. Thus, when the fatal hour struck, nothing could be done to rescue the multitude. It was neglect on the part of those who designed the ship which caused this great number to perish.

While attending a parish convention in the remote section of the Island of Jamaica, I was asked to speak in behalf of missions. They wanted to raise \$70 in order to buy a tent to start a work in the most prominent town in that parish. For months the ministers had been planning how they would get a work started there. Not one of them was pastoring a church that was even paying \$25 per month.

After my discourse on missions, the parish pastor told the people how much money they wanted and of their determination to win souls in this town. He told them how he had appealed to me for help several times, but that the Missions Board in the United States was not able to assist us. He further said that the field was ripe and that something had to be done about those souls. "If it means going hungry for several days, we must buy this tent," he said.

Knowing of the extreme poverty in that section of the Island, and moved by their appeal, I told them I would give an amount equal to what they raised. Only God knows the extreme sacrifices that were made to raise this amount. The tent was purchased and a meeting started. As a result, we have a very nice work in this town today.

What caused them to make this great sacrifice? There is only one answer: they were interested in those "other little ships."

GOD'S MESSENGER

By A. V. BEAUBE

Acts 9:15, 16, "But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: for I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake."

The foregoing are the words of God in reply to Ananias' complaint when God had asked him to go to Saul whom we now know as the great apostle to the Gentiles. Notice that Paul was a chosen vessel. In the days of Isaiah the prophet, when God would honor some man with the privilege of carrying a message to the backsliders of Israel, the man of God first saw himself, and, as all men who get the right vision of themselves, he saw that he was unworthy, so he made excuses; but when God touched his lips he was ready and cried out, "Here am I, send me."



WHEN OUR LORD went to meeting, someone gave Him the Scripture and invited Him to read. He found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord," Luke 4:18, 19. He has not left us powerless, but has said, in Luke 24:49, "And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Therefore, God's messenger is a

1. Chosen Vessel
2. A humble servant
3. An anointed apostle
4. An honored ambassador

GOD'S MESSENGER, A PERSONAL WORKER

A GREAT EXAMPLE was set by our Lord. John 4. First, He made contact by asking a favor of the woman of Samaria. Second, He created interest by telling her of the living water. Third, He worked on her conscience by talking of her past and present life. Fourth, He introduced God to her by an explanation and correction of her statement concerning the difference in ways and places of worship, for said He: "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth," John 4:24. Fifth, He revealed the Christ to her. vv. 25, 26. The job was done. She went to town telling the good news. This writer, as pastor, evangelist, and overseer, has observed that the minister who is interested in souls wherever he comes in contact with them is a successful soul-winner. One state overseer requires his min-



isters to visit 50 or more homes a month. It is said that D. L. Moody literally rode horses to death in his personal work. A soul won by personal contact is an abiding one. A family won in an hour of bereavement will love and stand by the church and pastor.

GOD'S MESSENGER IS TO SAVE HIS FLOCK

Acts 20:28, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseer, to feed the church of God." A good cook or dietitian looks well to his daily menu. He fixes some dishes which are appetizing, some that are real tasty, and others that are just good nourishing food. There will come days when it will be potatoes, beans, white meat, and bread. God's minister will study his flock and be ready to feed their souls on a well-balanced diet of God's Word. Some will need the "milk" of the Word. 1 Peter 2:2, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." The minister must be careful. A child cannot eat the rations of a grown person; others will need to be fed stronger food. Hebrews 5:14, "But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

Ministers, we really have a problem—to feed all classes, ages, and types of people from the same pulpit, in the same congregation, at the same time. No wonder Jesus wanted to know of Peter if he really loved Him before He asked him to "feed my sheep"—not skin goats, but feed sheep.

GOD'S MINISTER, A SOUL-WINNER

Ephesians 4:11, "And he gave some, apostles, and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers." A God-called, God-sent, God-anointed, God-loving, God-fearing minister will have some traits of a pastor, evangelist, and teacher. He is ever looking to his flock. He wants to guide them to perfection, as much as possible. He is an evangelist; that is, he has a message of good news to the sinner. He will cry with the sinner because he is lost. He will pray with the cold and backslidden until their hearts are warmed and they are reclaimed. He can teach those who will be instructed in the way of the Lord. He is constantly looking for the return of the Head of the Church. He wants all of his flock to be

ready for the greatest event in all the world—the coming of Jesus. A pastor who can have a revival in his own church is of great value. Stand by him. Hold his hands up. Pray for, honor, and love him. He is God's man.

GOD'S MESSENGER MUST HAVE A GOOD REPORT

1 Timothy 3. There are many things other people can do that God's man must refrain from because of his influence. His character must not be shady. He is to lift the fallen. He cannot do it if he himself is down. He is to advise with his flock; they will not accept advice from one who does not "practice what he preaches." He must be an example to the believer, in word, in conversation, in charity (yes, in love and giving he must take the lead), in spirit, in faith, and in purity. How do you like to come into a community and find that a preacher has failed to pay his just and honest bills, visited certain homes too often, had trouble with his neighbors, or failed to keep his promise to his fellow man? "Let not your good be evil spoken of." Let not the cause of Christ suffer because of our negligence. Let not the church suffer reproach because of the pastor's sins.

GOD'S MESSENGER'S SUPPORT SHOULD COME FROM HIS FLOCK

WHO WOULD THINK of an ambassador of this great, fair, and victorious country of ours asking financial support of another? Who would expect one man's humble servant standing at the back door of another asking for bread? Does one farmer feed the work horses of another? God has provided that those who labor in the gospel should live of the gospel. 1 Corinthians 9:7-11, 14: "Who goeth a warfare any times at his own charges? Who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock and eateth not of the milk of the flock? Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? . . . Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel."

GOD'S MESSENGER—HIS WORK

A minister's first duty is to "preach the word." The solemn charge from the aged apostle to young Timothy was "preach the word" and be ready under any circumstances. To confirm his belief in the never-changing call of God we have his words, 1 Corinthians 9:16, 17, "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward, but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me."

The commission given by our Lord was, Mark 16:15, 16, "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." The great promise, coupled with His request was, Matthew 28:19, 20, ". . . Lo I am with you . . ."

While many parables, illustrations, and explanations help the average congregation to understand the Word,

let it be understood that any effort calculated to cheapen, weaken, or change God's Holy Word must in the end meet with defeat. God's Word will not return unto Him void, but will accomplish what He has sent it to accomplish. It is powerful—cutting two ways. It has stood the test of ages. It will stand in the white light of God's judgment. Someone has likened the Bible to an anvil. The blacksmith has beaten the old anvil with many hammers and cleavers, but it stands undaunted, while the hammers and cleavers lie in piles with broken handles, battered heads, dulled blades, and swollen eyes. So God's Word stands out as the one Book that tells us of God the Father, His Son Jesus Christ, the Holy Ghost, angels, heaven, hell, salvation, redemption, and many other great truths too numerous to mention. Preach it. Believe it. Trust it. Stand on it. It will save you if you believe it. I build you up in the truth and give you an inheritance among them that are sanctified. It will comfort you through life and give you faith for the future.

God has made provision for His messengers, and thousands of His blood-washed children count it a pleasure to pay their tithes to the Church for this cause.

GOD'S MESSENGER—HIS FAMILY

IT IS A BLESSED THING to be associated with a man of God, dealing in eternal things. There are many homes where the mother never knows when her husband will come home drunk or when she will find him in jail. Some children are not brought up in Christian homes and do not know the sweetness of a life with God and the Church, Sunday School, Young People's Endeavor, and fellowship of good people, therefore they drift far into sin and many never find their way to the Saviour. If they do, we hear stories of their regret, of how they spent their lives in sin. Oh, what a blessed thing to have a Christian home and escape the effects of this hard world! Minister's wife, be happy! You have some hard tasks to perform, but remember your sister who is in sin and never gets to go to church and it will cheer you.

For all of the blessings received by a preacher's family, they are asked to compensate by living good, helping him in his way, doing nothing that will bring reproach on his head or the frowns of a gossiping world upon his position.

Blessed and happy is that minister whose wife is a godly, motherly, burden-bearing, Christian woman! And happy is that man whose children can see enough of Christ in his life that they will want to follow his steps!

GOD'S MESSENGER—HIS FINAL REWARD

1 Peter 5:1-4, "The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind: neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

A consciousness of knowing that he has found his place in life, a knowledge of the fact that he is in the will of the Lord, a successful ministry, a growing church where souls (the most valuable thing known to man) are being rescued from the clutches of Satan, a life of usefulness, the assurance of knowing that when he comes to the end of the way all will be well, and hope of hearing those blessed words "Well done, my good and faithful servant," plus a crown of glory, for what more can we ask?



Text: "And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him," Luke 23:33.



WHAT tremendously significant words, for they spell life or death to all the human race. Here at the place called Calvary, hundreds were met to witness the event of our Saviour's supreme sacrifice for sin, which is mankind's only sure and steadfast hope. What actually occurred at this place called Calvary?

IT WAS THE TRYSTING PLACE

It was an appointed meeting place; an appointment that must needs have been met by the sinless One, that by that divine tryst an adequate salvation might be made available for all who would receive it. That place was foreordained. Jesus knew He must face this foreordained tryst.

In Holman Hunt's "THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS" he shows our Saviour standing amid wood shavings at the close of a hard day's work. His mother is kneeling before the chest containing gifts from the wise men of the East. Jesus stands erect, lifts up His arms toward heaven, and looks up. His shadow is cast upon the wall behind Him, and His mother, seeing the shadow of the cross, being startled in the realization of its horror, shields her face with her arm. Ah! Jesus from the age of twelve did truly walk in the very shadow of the cross. He repeatedly showed His disciples that He must go unto Jerusalem and there suffer many things of the elders and the chief priests and scribes, and be killed.

The trysting place was not in the modern sense of the word a secret meeting place, but where hundreds met to fulfill the predicted eternal Word of God. Out of the deep South comes the record of a young lady who had been heard singing by a man who was able and did provide training for her beautiful voice. After fame had come to her as an opera singer, one day in New York she was asked by her manager and certain celebrities to sing a song, just any song, out of her girlhood days. She chose unashamedly to sing a song which she had often sung in Sunday School, which song is thought by many to be the greatest of Christendom:

The Place

By M. M. MORTENSON
Anawalt, West Virginia

*"When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride."*

IT WAS THE PLACE OF WEeping

EVEN before the multitude reached Calvary, there was weeping. A group of women following Jesus, who bore His own cross, bewailed and lamented Him. The words of our Lord to these women are arrestingly significant to those who have not yet accepted His redeeming love at Calvary: "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. For, behold, the days are coming in the which they shall begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us."

Indeed, there was weeping at Calvary. Virgin Mary, mother of our Lord, together with His disciples undoubtedly wept as they saw the sinless One subjected to gory Calvary. Are *you* one who can see a movie or read a novel and so enter the story that you weep; yet you can read in the Gospels the record of the sufferings and death of Jesus and have no tears? When I begin to read and follow in my heart the scenes of Calvary, it is not long until tears of gratitude come to my eyes and I say, "Thank you, Jesus. You paid the debt for my sin at Calvary." If you find no feelings which bring tears of gratitude to the Christ of Calvary—fear—yea, pray to Christ for forgiveness lest your heart become harder than the rocks which rent when He died.

IT WAS THE PLACE OF Sympathy

IN CHRIST'S most awful hours upon earth, when He was being offered up once for all, there stood one before Him whose heart was torn by grief; it was His mother. His greatness was proved in that He did not forget her. Seeing Mary and the disciple standing by, whom He loved, He said to His mother: "Woman, behold thy son!" For a long time, here and at the wedding at Cana, the manner in which Jesus addressed His mother disturbed me; it seemed to lack respect and warmth. But I have since learned that the term "woman" was the highest possible term of respect Jesus could have employed. Then to the beloved disciple John He said: "Behold thy mother!" John from that hour took her unto his own home; thus sympathy was shown by our Saviour to His mother in those sorrow-shadowed hours.

Called Calvary



IT WAS THE PLACE OF PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS OF SIN

TWO remarkable prayers for forgiveness of sin are recorded. One is by our Lord when He cried: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." The other prayer is by one of the malefactors being crucified with Jesus. Both thieves had reviled Jesus and cast their ridicule into His teeth, saying: "If thou be Christ save thyself and us," but eventually one of them rebuked the other, stating that they were being slain for their crimes, but that this man Jesus had done nothing amiss. Then came the penitent thief's prayer for forgiveness of sin: "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." True, request for forgiveness of sin does not appear on the surface of this prayer, but if you will look closely you will find every element of true repentance. The thief had seen that Jesus was more than mere man; he had come to believe in his inner self that Jesus was a King, and that He did have a kingdom. His plea was met with this pledge from Jesus: "Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise." Do you want to be remembered by Jesus in paradise when death comes, or when He comes for His own? If you will pray for forgiveness, He will wash all your sins away and one day we shall be like Him and dwell with Him in paradise.

IT WAS THE PLACE OF SUFFERING FOR SIN

SIN must be suffered for; this is the dictum of Scripture. And at Calvary: "Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God." The prophet Isaiah also speaks of this suffering: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." Christ suffered for our sins to relieve us from the torture of a guilty conscience, the misery, horror, and sufferings of hell.

In Shakespeare's "Macbeth" we have the guilty Lady Macbeth crying: "Out, damned spot! out, I say! . . . Here's the smell of blood still: all the perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand. Oh, oh, oh!" Sin must be accounted for; it cannot be weighed or measured, but it can be suffered for and cast out!

Having slain John the Baptist, Herod's guilty conscience smote him upon hearing of the fame of Jesus and he cried out: "It is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead."

George Eliot in one of her brilliant, realistic books tells

of a young girl who strayed from the path of moral uprightness. The famous novelist describes minutely the ruined girl, who to hide her shame puts the baby to death and hides its little body in the hedge. Someone sees her and she is brought to trial for the crime. Compassionate women gather round her to comfort her, but it is too late. After they had talked on, and having ceased for a moment, the girl came in with this wild question: "Yes, yes, I have heard all you have said; but tell me, will I always hear the cry of the little child that I put to death in the hedge?" Hers was a violated, guilty, peace-robbed conscience; its cry could not be stifled. This is what the Bible and human experience teach us at every turn of life. But thank God for Calvary where Jesus suffered for our sins.

*"Blackest day of nameless anguish,
Can my thankless soul forget?"*

Christ suffered in all His five senses. With His eyes He saw His insulting, hate-charged enemies; His mother; and His disciples. He heard the revilings and the blasphemy. Foul stench of the spit upon His face filled His nostrils. Calling for water and being given vinegar, He suffered in His sense of taste. He suffered in His sense of feeling: cruel mocking, scourging, crowning with thorns, beating, nailing of hands and feet to the cross, the hours of excruciating pain while He hung upon the cross, and above all the weight of the sins of the world. All this He suffered that He might bring us to God. What a priceless introduction!

IT WAS THE PLACE OF DEATH FOR SIN

CHRIST died for sinners. "What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. Oh! precious is that flow That makes me white as snow; No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus."

Suffering for sin was not enough; it took death by Jesus to pay the penalty for our sins. The story is told of the days of persecution of Christians in a certain country. Near a hundred devout followers of Christ, having heard of the soldiers' coming, had met in a church to pray and to await their fate. They were asked by the soldiers to renounce their faith in Christ and one by one they refused to do so and were slain. They came at last to a young lad of fourteen. To him they gave the offer

to join them, thus by renouncing his faith he would escape death. The boy's reply was, "I will die also." We have not yet been called upon to seal our testimony with our blood and as to our redemption it is not necessary for us to die for it.

*"Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow."*

When Spurgeon, the great London preacher, lay dying, having bidden farewell to all, a few close ministerial friends attended him. One of them stooped over him and said: "Mr. Spurgeon, in life you preached the adequacy of Christ; now that you are dying, what have you to say?" Spurgeon, the prince of preachers, smiled and spoke just four words: "Christ died for me."

As the train bearing Lincoln's body made its way back to Springfield, stops were made so the people could see their beloved emancipator. At one of the stations where a great crowd had gathered, a colored woman lifted her baby high above the heads of those in front of her and said: "Take a long look, honey; he died for you." Ah! you who read these lines, "Take a long look at Jesus; He died for you."

IT WAS THE PLACE OF UTTER FORSAKENING BY GOD

MY GOD, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Christ suffered a double eclipse: the sun itself and the light of God's countenance. His cry was not a derelict cry, for Jesus was not to be forgotten or abandoned as a derelict ship, but it was necessary for God in that darkest hour of eternity to forsake His Son that *we* might not be forsaken in eternal hell.

A goodly number of Christians have been forsaken by

their parents and loved ones for their love to Christ. May we, together with them and those of you who will *now* accept what He did for you at the place called Calvary, say from the bottom of our hearts:

*"Jesus I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee;
Naked, poor, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence, my all shall be."*

FEAR A DESTROYER

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there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy. And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm. And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him." We see here that faith and fear cannot work together.

Matthew 14:30, 31, "But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt." As long as he was not afraid, he walked on the water. His faith worked until he became afraid. Many are like this today; they begin to walk on the water, as it were, until they see the boisterous waves. They begin to look at their surroundings and become afraid, then they fall.

Yes, fear is a great destroyer. To fear is to fail. To have faith is to win for God and His cause. Let us not allow fear to defeat us in life. "He that feareth is not made perfect in love."

THE EQUALITY OF MAN

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THE LORD, WHICH BROUGHT THEE FORTH OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT, FROM THE HOUSE OF BONDAGE. THOU SHALT FEAR THE LORD THY GOD, AND SERVE HIM." In a day when men use psychology to show others their importance, and try to get others to look up to them and fear them, how necessary it is for us to know that it is God whom we must fear; it is God to whom we shall give account, and not to some man! In a time when "men's hearts are failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming upon the earth," let us look up to the One to whom everyone will have to account.

In Proverbs 29:25, 26, are words of wisdom: "THE FEAR OF MAN BRINGETH A SNARE: BUT WHOSO PUTTETH HIS TRUST IN THE LORD SHALL BE SAFE. MANY SEEK THE RULER'S FAVOUR; BUT EVERY MAN'S JUDGMENT COMETH FROM THE LORD." The fear of man puts a noose around your neck, and you find yourself trying to please some man instead of pleasing God. Every person should be respected, whether he be a general official, state official, pastor, or lay member. The pastor of a church with ten members should be respected just the same as the man pastoring a church with several hundred members. The person who lives from 'hand to mouth' should be respected just as one who has a large bank account. Some give in offerings when an official drops in who wouldn't give at all if that official were not present. They give to catch the eye, or try to build up their prestige with

some person who is in authority. Let us realize that the official will be judged by the same Judge the lay member or anyone else will. One of the most disgusting sights in the world is a person who will be anybody's buddy just because he has a little money or influence. Usually these are ten-cent millionaires, "big shots" who usually turn out to be "buck shots."

God has been good to us. Let us bow in humble thankfulness to Him for bringing us this far. A few years ago we were struggling; our churches were on the back streets, and only small frame buildings; our preachers were getting hardly enough to live on. Now our people are worshipping in nice church buildings; our preachers are driving nice cars; we have our educational institutions, orphanages, and a well-paid ministry. Let us not get so big-headed, high-minded, and sophisticated that God can't use us in any and every way He might desire. Matthew 23:10-12, "NEITHER BE YE CALLED MASTERS: FOR ONE IS YOUR MASTER, EVEN CHRIST. BUT HE THAT IS GREATEST AMONG YOU SHALL BE YOUR SERVANT. AND WHOSOEVER SHALL EXALT HIMSELF SHALL BE ABASED; AND HE THAT SHALL HUMBLE HIMSELF SHALL BE EXALTED." That person who realizes he is a creation of God, recognizes God as the Maker and himself as the servant, respects a man even though his opinions and ideas do not always agree, and fears God and puts Him first in everything, that man is a happy, peaceful, contented, and a godly man. "THERE IS NO RESPECT OF PERSONS WITH GOD."

Man and missions

from the
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Our Missionary to Tunis, North Africa, Writes

DEAR FELLOW Laborers: Greetings from Tunis in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. We baptized one of our Christian Arabic young men yesterday. After this sacred ceremony, which was solemnly performed near the palace of the Bey of Tunis, we returned home for a communion service which was even more sacred. Touched by the message of the death of our Lord and the promise of His return to earth the second time, we felt nearer to God and more eager to perform His service.

Tunis is situated on the shore of the Mediterranean Sea, one of the world's most important crossroads. She is the center from which tourists travel to visit the ruins of ancient Carthage and the present civilization of the Arabic people. She is the trading center for Tunisia, one of Tunisia's three largest seaports, and the seat of both the Arabic and the French governments of Tunisia. These facts make Tunis an important headquarters for Satan's work of holding the natives in darkness. But these facts are equally important in rendering Tunis an instrument for God's plan of bringing the people of Tunisia to a knowledge of the gospel. Thus the reasons for the conflict and crisis in Tunis, which is really a battle between the prince of this world and the King of Glory.

Satan has been successful in holding Tunis in ignorance and idolatry for many years. Sister Planter, in spite of suppression and great persecution, has faithfully delivered the message of the kingdom; but when Satan could not restrain her, he closed the mouths of her converts

by terrible persecutions and even death. Therefore, Pentecost has not yet had the opportunity to blossom in this dark land, but the seed that has been sown must needs yield its increase.

Although we have a regular assem-

Return to India

HEARTY greetings in the precious name of our Lord.

I am writing a few lines through this magazine to express my gratitude toward my fellow brethren in America and say good-bye. My short stay in your blessed country for the last four months has brought me closer to the great Church of God and made me more grateful toward God who brought me into the sweet fellowship of the same. The sweet brotherly affection I had among you, and the wonderful cooperation I enjoyed in your midst, is ever memorable. I cannot and will not forget the sweet atmosphere I enjoyed with you in different camp meetings, church services, the Ministers' Council and the great Assembly. I came to America with a small knowledge of this great work, and now I am going back with lots of things I have seen and experienced in your midst to tell my folks in India. I am proud I am a member of this great movement.

I know I am much benefited by my coming, and, at the same time, I believe that those who came in contact with me also are benefited by my fellowship. "We are closer to India by your coming" were some of the commendable words expressed by some of our brothers and sisters. I learned to love you, and I know that I have a part in your hearts, also.

If the Lord wills, I may sail back to India by the beginning of October. I wish I would be able to take you all to India and show you that great field where so many are groping in darkness and millions are dying in

bly, the work in Tunis is still a personal evangelization and is centered chiefly around the Depot Biblique, where Jews, Arabs, and occasionally French and Italians come to study the Word of God and to pray. The young Arabic men are quite interested in studying the Bible. Their faithfulness and boldness is inspiring to our faith. The converts long for the fullness of the Holy Ghost, and, although we need larger quarters and a place to worship, we feel that their hearts' cry is our most urgent need—the free working of the Holy Ghost in our midst. This is our daily prayer and our hearts' burden. As humans we can witness; as divine the Holy Ghost can convict, invite, instruct, and lead.

The future of the work in Tunis is highly dependent on the prayers of the Christians. Pray for the outpouring of the Spirit of God in Tunis, as this people have never seen. Pray, then believe, and we shall receive the promise, even here.—Miss Margaret Gaines, 27 rue Bab Sowika, Depot Biblique, Tunis, North Africa.

sin. But I request you to pray for the great mission that is lying before you concerning souls. Separation is always grievous, but, praise the Lord, there is a place where there is no separation. "Unto him shall the gathering of the people be."

What a scene of unimaginable grandeur that will be when at last all nations are gathered at His feet. That will include representatives from all the European states, from Iceland in the far north to Greece in the south, and from Portugal in the west to hidden saints of God in Soviet Russia in the east. There will be many from Africa. There will be gathered to Christ many from Palestine and Arabia. My country India will contribute her millions, and even from closed lands like Nepal and Tibet Christ will gather His own. From the Islands of the East Indies and the West Indies, from the teeming millions of Central Asia, from China, Japan, and Korea, there will be an immense home-going to the Saviour. From every republic of Central, South and North America there will be gathered the saints at the feet of the Redeemer. Whether the tongues be those of the white or brown or red or black, the gathering to Christ will be overwhelmingly splendid. So let us wait for the time when our Lord will be coming with His saints.

The night cometh when no man can work, so let us work the works of Him that sent us, while it is day.—Yours in his Master's service, T. M. Varughese, Field Secretary, Church of God in India, Mulakuzha P. O., Travancore, South India.

REVIVALS

BRUNO, West Virginia—The Oceana Church of God is moving along in the work of the Lord. We have just had a wonderful revival, with Rev. C. E. McKay as the evangelist. Ten were saved, 7 sanctified, 8 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and several healed. Four new members joined the church. We were happy to have Rev. G. W. Lane, our state overseer, and Rev. E. P. Franklin, our district overseer, with us one night. Pray for us at Oceana.—Ralph Mitchell, Bruno, West Virginia.

SHEBOYGAN, Wisconsin—We have had a wonderful 3-week revival here in Sheboygan, with Rev. Marion Hall, of Lenoir City, Tennessee as the evangelist. God blessed us in a marvelous way every night. A mighty wave of the power of God was present to heal and save. Eight were saved, 7 sanctified, and 8 filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for the work in Wisconsin, and that God will send laborers into the harvest.—Reporter.

ICARD, North Carolina—We just had a wonderful revival, with Rev. Rouston Pollard as the evangelist. There were 5 saved, 6 sanctified, 1 filled with the Holy Ghost, 3 baptized in water, and 6 added to the church. Several nights the Holy Ghost worked in a miraculous way. Christians renewed their vows and received again the joy of their salvation. We truly praise the Lord for this revival, and we heartily recommend Rev. Pollard to any church, as he will prove a blessing to any people who love the gospel.—W. P. Pope, Jr., Pastor.

MILLVILLE, New Jersey—We recently had a 6-week revival, with Rev. McKaig as evangelist. There were 11 saved, 8 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 5 added to the church. There were also a number of people healed. We are thankful that Rev. McKaig and his mother came our way, as they were a great blessing to us. Pray that God will continue to bless our work here.—Harry Hanley, Clerk.

BIGTIMBER, Montana—The Bigtimber Church had a 2-week youth revival which ended October 5, with Rev. and Mrs. Paul Seagraves, of West Virginia, as evangelists. We had good attendance each night, with conviction manifest in each service. The first week we saw only one soul saved, and

yet this one who did come was a miracle, as far as we are concerned, due to his holding out against God for over 70 years. He had not been inside a church for years, and God saved him the first night he came. The climax came during the last service when a pantomime was used to depict a lost soul. A number of souls were saved that night. This is the first youth revival we have had, and we are convinced that it pays. I recommend this young evangelistic couple anywhere.—Arnold E. Erickson, Pastor.

CLINTON, N. C.—We have just had a wonderful revival with the Rev. C. C. Allen as evangelist. God blessed in a wonderful way. Nine were saved, 3 sanctified, and 4 filled with the Holy Ghost. In the closing service we gave opportunity for membership, and received 17 new members in the church.—Rev. Earl F. Sibbett, Pastor.

Brought or sent?—A Topeka, Kansas, businessman was concerned as to why children are lost to the Sunday School. After studying the question for twenty years, he reported that only three out of 700 who dropped out of Sunday School were BROUGHT, while 697 were SENT. Parents, attention!

PELZER, S. C.—The Pelzer Church of God has just had one of its most successful revivals, with Rev. James Dunlap and his family conducting it. Rev. Dunlap, a consecrated man of God, brought some real soul-stirring messages. When the two-week revival came to a close, 16 had been saved, 9 sanctified, 9 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 6 added to the church. Rev. and Mrs. Dunlap came into the Church of God recently from the Baptist Church, and their ministry is proving a blessing to our Church. We recommend them to you should you desire someone to bless your church with powerful and soul-stirring revival messages.—Mildred Ruse, Church Reporter.

MONROE, Ga.—We truly praise God for an old-fashioned revival that is still in progress at the Monroe church. Many nights the services have continued past midnight. The church has been revived through the mighty love of God and through much fasting and praying. We are very fortunate to have such fine people as Rev. and Mrs.

W. G. Wilkins working with us. Sister Wilkins preached for four weeks in our revival. Nineteen were saved, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 5 added to the church. Brother Jim Wallace, obeying his call to preach, conducted the revival during the fifth week. It is now in the sixth week, and God is still marvelously blessing. Our Sunday School has grown from around 80 to 121, and we are working on a building fund. We here at Monroe desire your prayers.—Mrs. Wiley Peters.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—We recently had a revival with Mrs. Amanda Miller, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, as the evangelist. From the very first service we knew Sister Miller was God's anointed preacher. When the need in a person's life was revealed by the discerning power of God, it would cause that individual to come to God and the need was met. Many were healed in a miraculous manner, while 25 were saved, 20 sanctified, 20 filled with the Holy Ghost, 10 baptized in water, and 16 added to the church. The Sunday School broke all past records with 146 present. Brother Miller was a special blessing to the church, as he helped us raise \$1,101.26 to pay off an F.H.A. note. Brother and Sister Miller are a great team for the Lord, and they will be a blessing to any church.

MORTON, Miss.—We just had a wonderful revival with Rev. V. E. Rowe doing the preaching. Ten were saved, 8 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, 9 added to the church, and a number healed. Brother Rowe will bless any church.—T. H. Pugh.

WHITE LAKE, Wisc.—We have just had a four-week revival with Rev. Marion Hall, of Lenoir City, as evangelist. God's power was manifested in a marvelous way to heal and save. Five were saved, and the church was mightily stirred by the preaching of Brother Hall. We highly recommend him to any and all churches as a great evangelist. We have quite a bit of opposition here, but with God's power with us, we are still progressing. Our Sunday School is growing every Sunday. We ask an interest in your prayers.—Jack Smith, Pastor.

BIG SPRING, Tex.—A revival was just held here with Rev. J. W. Warner and his wife as evangelists. We saw the mighty hand of God work in a miraculous way. Many were healed of various diseases and afflictions. It is truly wonderful how God used Brother Warner in praying for the sick and preaching the gospel. He preaches the gospel under the mighty anointing of the Holy Ghost, and anyone who gets him for a revival will surely be blessed. Our Sunday School and Y. P. E. doubled in attendance; 33 were saved, 18 sanctified, 18 filled with the Holy Ghost, 29 members added to the church, and 22 baptized in water. We thank God for our new pastor and his family, Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Mitchell. The revival fires still burn in our church, and people are coming to God.—Church Reporter.



BY MRS. WALTER BECKMAN

Meditations of a Housewife
Lydia Stoner

Five yellow rosebuds in a blue vase,
Perfectly molded, gentle in grace.
Fresh-laundered curtains here by my
sink;

There 'neath my window birds pause
to drink!

Seven red apples in a glass bowl;
Why do they bless and strengthen my
soul?

Clean clothes are hanging there in the
sun,
Smelling of pure suds—washing is
done!

Draining the tubs, scrubbing the floor,
Dusting the table, answering the door,
Digging the garden, hoeing the weeds;
Why do these duties care for my
needs?

Lord, mold me gently, just like the
rose,

Cleanse me and keep me clean like my
clothes;

Empty my soul of every gross thing,
Clear now my life of habits that
cling;

Weed out all error. Lord, let me be
A goodhearted housewife worshipping
Thee!

TRUE WORSHIP is not merely attending a church service, or singing hymns, or listening to a sermon, or bowing our heads in prayer. It may, and often does, include all of these, but it is also possible to go through the motions of all of these things and yet not worship. Worship is a recognition or acknowledgment of the "worth ship" of God.

Whenever we truly worship God, a threefold result follows: our relationship to God and our relationship to others are affected, and there is, also, a very definite effect upon ourselves. In His conversation with the woman at the well of Samaria, you will remember that the Lord Jesus said, "The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him,"

John 4:23. And God, speaking through the Psalmist, in Psalm 50:23, said, "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me." Hence the many admonitions all through God's Word to worship and praise Him.

Surely the Lord desires our worship of Him to be spontaneous from the heart. We can be appreciating Jesus and associating Him with all of our daily tasks in simple ways that will as richly bless the soul as any phase of public worship. One might think that all Christians just naturally follow a life filled with true worship, but not so. The enemy of our souls is constantly seeking to divert our attention from God and His blessings, and especially at home where we are surrounded with work. He loves to see us become occupied with it so intently until it could be characterized as "cares of this world." But God has said, in Isaiah 26:3, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." We must make a practice of drawing nigh to God and He will draw nigh to us, and we will then experience the flow of spontaneous worship which will bless us, our household, and our neighborhood.

Miss Carmichael, a missionary in South India, tells of a little Hindu girl, only seven years old, who lives in her home and has a great aversion to her share of the household duties, which consists of cleansing the brass water vessels. But one day she came to Miss Carmichael, saying, "Satan doesn't come very close to me if I sing all the time I am rubbing the brasses. He runs away when he hears me sing; so I sing very loudly and that drives him away. He doesn't like hymns." That little Hindu child has discovered a mighty secret which has taken some of us older folks in Christian lands many years to learn. The power of determined praise is great. It will often drive the devil clear off the field when nothing else will avail. Let us cultivate the art of true worship in our homes and see what powerhouses of love and blessing they can really be.

COURT of PRAISE

ANDERSON, S. C.—A few years ago I was sick and felt that God was the only One who could help me. I prayed and others came and prayed for me, and God healed me. God's healing power has been real to me at different times. I thank Him for all He has done for me.—Ella Freeman, 1501 Edgewood Avenue.

SAVANNAH, Ga.—I am truly thankful for the way of salvation, and for what the Lord has done for me. The **Evangel** is almost like a member of my family; it has been a real companion to me. Perhaps this is because I have been alone for twenty years. I am glad that I can sing, "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His Word."—Mrs. Annie Dowdy, Box 1781.

I am happy to report victory in Jesus. I do not believe it will be long until Jesus will return for His children, and I am expecting to meet Him. If anyone would care to write to me, it would make me very happy.—Bulah Johnson, Rt. 1. Warrior, Alabama.

I praise the Lord for His goodness and kindness, and for the many times He has answered my prayer. Especially do I thank Him for instantly healing my little grandson who was very ill.—Mrs. James Masterson, Crestan, Illinois.

I praise God today for His many blessings in my life. It means much to me to have a Friend who does not turn against His children when mistakes are made. I thank Him for taking care of two sons in Service and bringing them safely home. I ask an interest in your prayers for my children.—Irene Nance, Spindale, North Carolina.

I praise God for a great blessing in my home. I have a little boy who could not hear anything until the Christians started praying for him. He can now hear better than I have ever known him to, and I know Jesus has undertaken for him. Please pray that God will restore his speech completely.—Mrs. Louise England, R O M E, Georgia.

TAMPA, Fla.—I praise God for answering our prayers and blessing us so abundantly. He has been so wonderful to me and my family.—Mrs. Frank Vitella.

KOREA—I am so happy I am saved, sanctified and filled with God's precious Holy Ghost and on my way to heaven.—Pfc. J. B. Dees.



During the first half of 1952, the manufacturers of alcoholic beverages spent 14 million dollars in magazine advertising.

Also, during the first half of 1952, more than 111 million pounds of tobacco were manufactured in the United States, while Americans spent two and one-half billion dollars to consume it.

The Sunday School and Training Union Departments of the Sunday School Board have passed the million mark in training awards for the year just closed. The combined total was 1,050,842, an increase of 154,151 over last year.

Nine hundred thirty-five missionaries are being sent annually from the United States and Canada to countries abroad. Combined, the churches now have more than 15,000 missionaries and are contributing more than \$40,000,000 a year to their foreign mission program.

The Vatican reported last week that it had recorded 1,049,000 conversions to Roman Catholicism in the United States during the last ten years. They report 44,459 priests and 158 bishops. A total of 5,141,251 children and young persons attend Catholic schools in the United States.

PENTECOSTAL FELLOWSHIP HOLDS CONVENTION

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (EP)—At the fifth annual national convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, meeting October 28-30 in Angelus Temple, Los Angeles, Dr. Howard P. Courtney, of Glendale, California, co-pastor of Angelus Temple, was elected national chairman for 1953. Over 600 delegates, representing the nine participating Pentecostal organizations, were registered for the three-day conclave, attended by several thousand at each meeting. Other officers elected to participate in the sixth annual convention to be held in October, 1953, at Charlotte, North Carolina, include: First Vice-chairman, Rev. E. J. Fulton, Open Bible Standard Churches, Des Moines, Iowa; Second Vice-chairman, Rev. Gayle F. Lewis, Assemblies of God, Springfield, Missouri; Secretary, Rev. C. M. Wortman, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, Toronto, Canada; Treasurer, Rev. H. L. Chesser, Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee.

The convention asked for a committee to be appointed to investigate thoroughly the authenticity and reliability of the new Revised Standard Version and to report its findings to the member bodies. Resolutions were also voted condemning the persecution of Protestants throughout the world—particularly in Italy and Colombia. A resolution was also prepared to be sent to the newly elected President of the United States, asking him not to appoint an ambassador or a

personal representative to the Vatican. Meetings of the convention were under the leadership of Bishop J. A. Synan, of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, who was this year's national chairman.

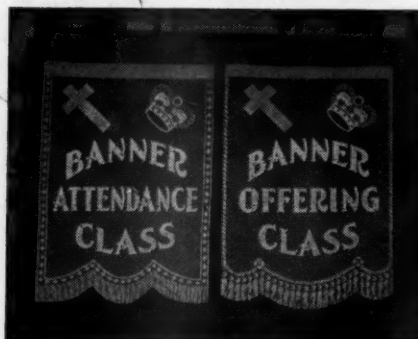
DEFACE BIBLE POSTERS IN BELGIUM

ANTWERP, Belgium (EP)—Yearly there is held in North Belgium a Bible Day, where all Protestants meet. Thousands, this year, joined in the meetings, praying fervently for the conversion of the Belgian people. In the evening, 1,800 people listened to the salvation message. New inquirers came in consequence, requesting Bibles. Large posters had been spread all over the walls of Antwerp. A few days later most of the posters were found to have been covered with black paint across the eyes of the girl reading the Bible and the word in Belgian which means "heretics" written across the posters. This was to warn the people against attending the meetings, but the place was crowded, nevertheless. People of the area are praying for a Bible seminary in which to train national workers.

TRUCE IN ROME

(EP) In Rome, the Italian Government called off its carabinieri and allowed U. S. Church of Christ missionaries to preach to their congregations. After a month-long wrangle between the missionaries and the Government, the U. S. embassy has urged a simple truce: let the services go on while the Government is considering the missionaries' applications for full charters under Italian law.

There were still a few difficulties to be ironed out. When 35 worshipers arrived at Pastor Paden's church after the lifting of the ban, they found three plain-clothes men watchfully occupying a near-by park bench. Their explanation: Neighbors had complained of screaming and shouting. Countered Pastor Paden: "We do not shout, scream, or holler. The Church of Christ service is very dignified."



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In Memoriam

SCHELLHAAS

On Friday morning, September 19, 1952, the death angel visited the Sanchez Hospital in Barwick, Georgia, and took from our midst our precious church clerk, John L. Schellhaas, who has been a faithful and devoted member since the spring of 1949, during a revival at the Church of God at Patten. Mr. Schellhaas was appointed church clerk soon after becoming a member. He was always dutiful until ill health prevented his activities. He held the office until his death.

Mr. Schellhaas was born August 22, 1892, in New Orleans, Louisiana, and was married to Miss Susie Chestnutt July 26, 1919. He served his country during World War I.

Funeral services were conducted at the Gregory Funeral Home in Moultrie, Georgia, Saturday morning, September 20, by his pastor, James Williams, and assisted by Rev. Drew Mills, pastor of the Church of God, Moultrie. Immediately after the funeral services, the body was taken to New Orleans for burial.

Mr. Schellhaas shall be greatly missed at the church, for he was always a faithful worker until his illness. He is survived by his wife, one sister, four brothers, and a host of near relatives and friends.

WALKER

Brother Charles H. Walker was born in Springfield, Illinois, June 5, 1887, and passed away October 17, 1952. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Walker; 4 sons, Clarence E., Clay-H., Dale W., Don M.; 3 daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Morrow, Mrs. Darline Morrow, and Mrs. Leah B. Lax. Brother Walker was a pioneer worker in the Church of God, and he served on the Orphanage Committee when Brother F. J. Lee was our General Overseer. His pleasant smile will be missed by the church and many friends. Rev. J. H. Ingram, pastor, was in charge of the funeral services.

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Cover Page New Church in Augusta, Georgia To Be Dedicated November 30

Considered one of Augusta's finest churches, the lovely building on our cover page this week, will be dedicated November 30, 1952. The location of the building on a corner lot on Crawford Avenue is one of the best in the city.

This building is 84x48 ft. built of matex range color brick, and the walls are 12 inches solid. The masonry, steel structure, carpentry, plumbing, heating, painting, electrical work, and general structure are of the best. Unusually beautiful is the main auditorium which is lighted with counterset, hanging, and indirect fixtures. Giant ceiling beams and acoustical tile add art and beauty to the interior. The furniture and pews are of

the very finest.

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The lowest acceptable contractor bid was \$118,168. By eliminating the contractor, we realized a marginal saving. Scroggs and Ewing Architects drew the plans and supervised the job; B. B. Langham was the builder.

YOU are invited to attend our dedicatory service November 30, 1952.—Max L. Atkins, Pastor.

REPORTS

CARRBORO, N. C.—God has done a great work in Carrboro, North Carolina. In July, 1950, a Church of God was organized, with Rev. T. W. Chaplins as pastor. A short time later Rev. Bobbie Tucker resumed the pastorate, and a short time later Rev. Willie O. Bowman. In the very first service, Rev. Bowman raised in pledges over \$300 to be used in building a church, as we did not have a building in which to worship. This building was begun in July, 1951, and in May, 1952, we had our first service in our new church. We dedicated the church July 20, 1952, and the building is valued at \$8,000. This building program was accomplished by a membership of 14. Our Sunday School attendance averages 50 each Sunday. Rev. D. H. Robinson conducted a revival in September, which was a blessing to our church. Three were saved, 2 sanctified, and 1 filled with the Holy Ghost. We have just had another revival with a young lady evangelist, Lenoira Jones, who did some wonderful preaching. She is available for revivals and can be reached at R.F.D. 3, Wake Forest, North Carolina. She was a great blessing to the Carrboro Church. Pray for our work here.—Church Reporter.

KENNEDY, Ala.—When we came to Kennedy last July a year ago, we found a small band of people that

loved God and His cause. We began to seek God for a great revival and the leadership of the Holy Ghost in what to undertake first. We needed a parsonage very badly, so we started this work first. Just two or three were willing to sacrifice and work for God. One of our faithful brothers and workers, Jimmie Byrant, was called home by the Lord. He had worked very faithfully to see the work progress here. Today we have a nice four-room parsonage and it nicely furnished. God has blessed us spiritually, and we have had two outstanding revivals since our camp meeting. Our Sunday School attendance has grown to 100 and better; our Y.P.E. has broken all records; we are still looking for greater things from God this year. We give Him all the praise, honor, and glory for what has been accomplished.—W. M. Dollars, Pastor.

NOTICES

I am open for revivals or pastoral work in any location. My church membership is with the Church of God at Loxley, Alabama.—Mrs. Pearl Confer, Seminole Rt., c/o B. Wellington, Muscogee, Florida.

The Church of God in Acosta, Pennsylvania, has a Full Gospel Faith broadcast in Somerset, Pennsylvania. We have been broadcasting for almost two years, and the Lord has blessed in saving souls and healing sick bodies. The time of the broadcast is 12:15 noon, Sundays, 990 on the dial, 250 watts. This broadcast covers three states.—Edward Neidermeier, Pastor.

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